MILITARY SERVICE DEPOSIT AND CATCH 62

1. Military service (Active Duty, Title 10) may be creditable towards a federal civilian retirement (applicable for federal technicians). However, in order to receive credit for your Active Duty, you must make a military service deposit or "buyback."

2. Under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), at the time of your retirement, full credit is given for years on Title 10, in addition to creditable civilian service. At the age of 62, if you have **not** completed your buyback (7% of your total base pay for the period of active duty, plus any applicable interest), your annuity will be recomputed **eliminating** your active duty. This is known as "Catch 62" and it will result in a 2% per year annuity reduction for each year of active duty for which no deposit has been made. The reduction is permanent and cannot be reversed.

3. Under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), you **must** complete your military deposit prior to your retirement date in order to receive credit for your active duty service. The military service deposit is equal to 3% of your total base pay, plus applicable interest. Failure to complete the buyback will disallow the period of time to be used in retirement eligibility or annuity computation.

4. To begin the processing your military deposit, complete Form RI 20-97 (available at http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/opm.asp) and attach a copy of your DD 214 for each period of service. Submit the form to the appropriate processing center(s) located on the back of the form. They will calculate your total base pay and return it to you. Once received, forward the documents to the Human Resources Office (CAJS-J1-HR-CS) for further processing.

5. Please contact Lisa Nagata, Human Resources Specialist at CAGNET 6-3601, DSN 466-3601 or (916) 854-3601 if you have any questions.

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